

the making of that tank and yet continue to be used and there is a growing risk of leakage. If anything, the aging population of underground storage tanks means that this problem is going to get worse, not better. We need to control abandoned tanks. We need to fill them up. We need to know where the tanks are and to monitor them and that is the purpose of LB 217. It is not a bill that was simply invented out of our imagination, but as you can tell by this summary, is well-grounded by actual problems in the field, in soil contamination and in ground water contamination. Oil and water apparently do not mix according to the old cliché. Unfortunately they have been allowed to mix far too often in Nebraska and LB 217 will begin the steps necessary to see to it that this practice comes to a halt. I urge for the adoption of the Ag Committee amendments and then the advancement of 217.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please. Let's see, we have an amendment I understand. Okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of amendments. The first is that by Senator Vickers. Senator this is the amendment that you had printed last year that is found or can be found on page 865 of the '85 Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, this amendment as filed was filed with the understanding that the committee amendments would have been adopted which have not been adopted, but instead will be discussed a little bit later with an amendment that Senator Johnson and I are offering to you that creates a little different system. Senator Beutler referred to that just a little bit in his opening remarks, but the philosophical issue raised by this amendment that I offer to you that was on page 865 in last year's Journal is one that I think we'd all ought to be aware of, one that we'd all ought to think about. And the philosophical discussion or the philosophical decision that I am speaking about is regards to the cleanup and the cleanup costs of an accident that might derive from an underground storage tank of hazardous material, be it gasoline or whatever. It seems to me that what we're doing with the general intent of LB 217 is to do two things, to put into place a mechanism so that we know where this material is stored through a registration process and also put in place a mechanism so